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National Cyber Security Awareness

Technology plays a vital role in our daily lives – California's citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, which have become ingrained into our daily lives.

Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware, significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud.

California has always been a model for technological innovation and a champion for cybersecurity. In 2013, we established the California Cybersecurity Task Force, a public-private partnership whose mission is to strengthen California's cybersecurity. In August 2015, we bolstered state cybersecurity by establishing the California Cybersecurity Integration Center and the California Cyber Incident Response Team.

California continues to support national level initiatives, like the *Stop.Think.Connect.*TM Campaign (www.stopthinkconnect.org or www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect) as well as the efforts of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (www.dhs.gov/topic/cybersecurity), the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center (<http://msisac.cisecurity.org/>), the National Association of State Chief Information Officers (www.nascio.org), and the National Cyber Security Alliance (www.staysafeonline.org).

As the month of October approaches, I encourage all Californians to stand with our National partners and take the Cyber Pledge at www.cisecurity.org/cyber-pledge/ and do their part to learn about cybersecurity and cyber hygiene and put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces, and businesses.

Sincerely,



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